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IT MUST BE a real hardship for a man who spends as much time out of his office as Mayor Jewett to lose his overcoat!

OH WELL, fortunately there is no "overhead" attached to feeding those rats or it might cost more than \$2,000,000 a year.

BUT WOULD MR. LEMEAUX be talking so much about street car extensions were he not grooming himself to run for mayor?

IF WARREN T. MCGRAY had disavowed Goodrichism as assiduously in the campaign as he is doing now his path might have been smoother.

STANLEY WYCKOFF declares he is not talking as an official in his latest ranting about food prices and the suspicion continues that he is still press-agenting for the profiteers.

## Illegal Tax Fees

More than a year ago the Times called public attention to the disgraceful manner in which attaches of the county treasurer's office were robbing taxpayers who were unfortunate enough to allow their taxes to become delinquent.

Following an expose of the methods then in vogue the State board of accounts issued warning that fees illegally collected under these methods would be charged back against the treasurer.

Edward G. Sourbier, who was treasurer at that time, has now agreed to pay over more than \$2,000 illegally obtained while he was in office, through the continuation of a practice that has long been in vogue in Marion County.

Unfortunately, there appears to be no method by which the persons from whom these illegal payments were exacted, often with insults and under duress, can be reimbursed without great cost and inconvenience to them.

But this unfortunate circumstance should not prevent a practical application of a hard learned lesson.

No more such illegal fees should be collected in the county.

RALPH LEMCKE, present treasurer, continued the illegal collection of fees from the day he went into office. If he has ceased this grab it has only been within the last few weeks.

The Times never believed that Mr. Sourbier accepted a penny to which he did not believe he was entitled. At the time the illegality of the collection was made public he declared that he had been advised by Martin Hugg, his attorney, that he was entitled to these fees.

More recently it appears that Mr. Sourbier has accepted other advice than that he says he obtained from the attorney who later became a director of the Indianapolis News, for announcement is made that Mr. Sourbier has agreed to return the money charged against him by the accounts board.

It is probably too much to hope that this action by the board will end the pernicious fee grabbing that has so long prevailed in the treasurer's office. Easy money has a lure that some officials do not appear to have sufficient conscience to withstand.

But there is a statute in Indiana that opens the way to the impeachment of an official who knowingly extorts money from a citizen.

For more than a year it became known that extortion was being practiced nothing was done to stop it.

It may be even longer before an end is put to this disgraceful mulcting of citizens, but that end will surely come.

Some day, some citizen with trifles more jealousy of his rights than another will take steps to bring erring public officials to justice.

## Cause for Reflection

A considerable part of the population of Marion County will derive a little satisfaction from the fact that the Northwestern avenue bridge muddle has at last reached the stage where public officials are interested in it.

The bungling that has marred the attempt to improve the Michigan road will always remain a black spot in the history of Marion County. In a community less given to partisan politics and more zealous of its treasury, the waste and mismanagement that has attached to this bit of road improvement would mean defeat for the adherents of the administration responsible.

In Marion County a long and suffering public has learned to shrug shoulders and take the unsatisfactory detour.

For many months more the Michigan road, with a good pavement split by lack of a bridge, will continue to be closed to the public. The seriousness of this is enhanced by the fact that there are too few methods of entering Indianapolis from the north and west even with the Michigan road open.

No one who is compelled to drive the several miles around this empty bridge site will do so without reflecting on the foolish blunder of county officials who built a road to both sides of a river and made no preparations for crossing the water.

## True Sportsmanship

Recent press dispatches show that the British are fitting out an expedition to survey and chart the northern part of the Weddell seacoast and to penetrate 1,200 miles of Antarctic territory hitherto not explored. This certainly shows true sportsmanship. The average man, with winter now coming on, is perfectly willing to let this exploring party go not only to the northern part of the Weddell seacoast, but to take all the other part, preempt the land, hand ice there the year round and become rich if possible.

Sometimes it looks almost ridiculous that good money is utilized in this manner and were it not that a generation ago Alaska was considered a "white elephant," the conclusion might be safe. However, the spirit which initiates the exploration of some far off distant land is the same spirit that hundreds of years ago caused America to be explored.

It is a peculiar fact that the Anglo-Saxon alone has the ability, possesses the vision and exercises the energy necessary to look into the odd corners of the earth. In return for all these experience, there have been many disasters, but out of them also has grown an empire which boasts that the sun never sets upon it.

It is fortunate that following this spirit there is such a civilization that in times of emergency like the late war causes those in far distant communities to contribute their money and even their lives to the perpetuation of the tight little island that generations before sent out its hearty children.

This is an example of giving and growing rich, for England has given many illustrious sons and daughters to her colonies and those children have caused her to grow rich indeed.

## Sylvia's Failings

So much has been said of Sylvia Pankhurst and her naughty ways that it seems a waste of paper to comment upon them. However, after all she represents a class of people whose ideas, although embodied in the gentler sex, are incompatible with our civilization and unfortunately she is subjected to prison and to harsh treatment until those ideas are eradicated. It is sad that some one who is a daughter or a sister or a wife should of necessity be thrown into prison. Indeed, it is almost unthinkable to the average American that any woman whose life is morally good need even get into the hands of the law.

Sylvia Pankhurst attempted to do by radical means what the American women have done by a dignified appeal to the sense of justice of our legislators. She served a term in prison for the burning of a beautiful landmark under the guise of working for equal franchise in England. Such a thing was absurd and unnecessary. The women in America obtained the franchise and still preserved the respect due their sex. After England granted women the right to vote, Miss Pankhurst chooses the Communist party, gets in touch with a revolution in Russia, becomes connected with a seditious publication and is again put under police supervision. Apparently she prefers to ally herself with radicals rather than work along slower lines and exercises a rational and conservative influence for good. She is but a misguided girl. The ideas she entertains are ideas held by misguided men, but who, being mere men, are not so spectacular as she. They live in an age of reason and of respect for the other person and these principles, after all, are uppermost in the formation of a state. The old saying that those who live by the sword shall die by the sword is illustrated in the lady. She desired to live in an extraordinary atmosphere of nonconformity and the answer always of the community to such a desire is the prison bars.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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## APPLE BUTTER RECIPE.

Q. Will you give a recipe for apple butter as soon as possible? B. D.

A. The Bureau of Agriculture recommends that you measure the apples, wash, slice into small pieces, and for each bushel of apples add four gallons of water, boil until fruit is soft and put through fruit press or rub through a sieve. To the pulp of each bushel of apples add two gallons of cider that has been boiled down to half its original volume. Bring to a boil and add twelve pounds of sugar. Cook until almost the desired consistency, add spices, cinnamon and cloves to taste. When the butter is thick as desired, place in hot containers and seal immediately.

## GLASS DISINTEGRATES.

Q. I am curious to know if glass disintegrates when buried in the ground. K. H.

A. The Bureau of Standards says that glass would slowly disintegrate when buried in moist soil. The action on the glass would be due primarily to water and alkali. The disintegrating action would vary with the composition of the glass and the conditions obtained in the soil. This action would probably be extremely slow with any glass, and it would probably be centuries before some glasses would be completely disintegrated.

## DESENTER'S RELEASE.

Q. Is it true that, if a soldier deserts the military service of the United States and remains in the country two years after the expiration of his enlistment, he may apply for a deserter's release? W. A. T.

A. The War Department says that the period necessary for a deserter to be absolved of punishment is five and not two years after the expiration of his enlistment.

## TO KEEP NUTS FRESH.

Q. Tell me the best way to keep nuts from drying after they have been shucked. L. G. R.

A. Nuts should be kept in a cool, dry place. By covering them with clean, dry sand they may be kept fresh and plump all winter.

## HOSPITAL BANDAGES.

Q. What has been done with all the hospital bandages prepared for the war, but not used? H. B. E.

A. The War Department says that a million dozen roller and more than 2,000,000 compressed bandages, together with 2,200,000 one-ounce packages of absorbent cotton have been disposed of recently, the sale netting more than \$1,000,000.

## THE APOCRYPHA.

Q. What are the books of the Apocrypha? C. T. R.

A. The Apocrypha consists of Esdras, Esther, Book of Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, Daniel, and Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Maccabees.

## HARVEST AND HUNTER'S MOON.

Q. When is the harvest moon, and when the hunter's moon? N. P. M.

A. The September full moon is called the harvest moon, while the October full moon is called the hunter's moon.

## CASTOR OIL IN U. S.

Q. How much castor oil is used in the United States? N. E. T.

A. The Department of Agriculture says that the annual annual consumption of castor oil in this country is more than 2,000,000 gallons. The castor beans are imported from India, China, the West Indies and South America and crushed in crushing plants in this country. Importations of the oil are small.

## THE FIRST THANKSGIVING.

Q. When was Thanksgiving day first observed? C. K. B.

A. A Thanksgiving day originated in the New England States in 1621. After the first harvest, Governor Bradford made provisions for a day of fasting and prayer. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer in the midst of a drought was changed to a day of thanksgiving because of the coming rain during the prayer. This was observed annually and soon spread through the New England colony. In 1817 New York adopted it as an annual custom. In 1864 Presi-

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CHAPTER XCVII.

"I have rather monopolized Mrs. Harrison," agreed Anthony B. Harrison, amably when Jim came to challenge him as we sat talking after Virginia's dinner. "But for the moment, that is rather the last I care to hear. I'm an old hulk that needs fine young craft to convert it. You do that for my work. Your wife has just promised to do it for my charity. She's going to let me establish an endowment fund at the Canteen—we're going to dole out 'banana splits' and cake and pudding."

"I'm not sure Anne will continue can-teening," replied Jim darkly and ungraciously. "It's fine work, but I don't see that my wife is essential to it. I went to her for a number of years."

Jim broke in, and as is always the case where he is concerned, Jim at once became peaceable and good-natured.

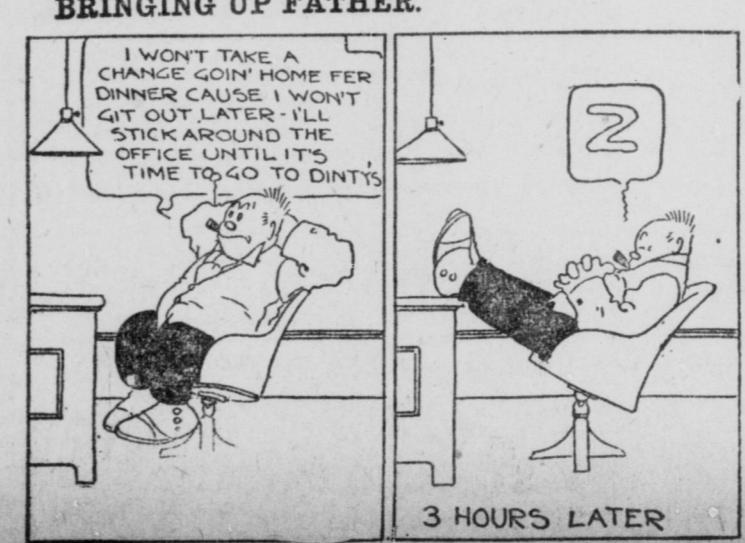
"Your dope's all wrong, Jim. The idea is to relieve the veterans who have stood the strain for years by having the re-serves come in. Every time Mrs. Jimmie has to serve at the dinner, she hardly can count on me to shoo her away for a repeat. I'd do it for you, Jim."

"That's grandioses of you, Phoebe," said Virginia—still in the dry, dead tone so different from her usual curt decisiveness. "My friends—Jim's friends will appreciate being counted as nobody."

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(To Be Continued.)

## BRINGING UP FATHER.



## GETS BIG TURKEY IN 'WHITE HOUSE'

Harding Practically House-bound After Rain.

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 13.—Almost impassable roads following a 24-hours rain, left Senator Warren G. Harding practically stranded on Point Isabel to-day.

Fishing was made impossible by the heavy norther which has raged two days. The President-elect had planned a day of golf in Brownsville, but roads in this part of Texas are unsurfaced and a slight rain makes them exceedingly slippery and mity in spots and it was doubtful whether Harding would venture the trip.

Whether Harding gets any outdoor exercise or not he has the prospect of a big turkey dinner. The Chamber of Commerce of Cuero, Texas, sent him a man-mountain in a crate modeled in the form of a miniature White House.

Harding has let it be known he will not enter territorial waters of any other country on his Panama trip. The American minister to Venezuela, Preston M. Goodwin, extended the President-elect an invitation to visit Venezuela and Colombia, but Senator Harding indicated he would not go.

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